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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Foley,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I have made it clear that I'm against the death penalty in every situation whatsoever. Regardless of the identity of the perpetrator or the victim or the heinousness of the crime, I am absolutely against the death penalty for anybody. But you cannot say that about fetal life, can you? You are not in favor of protecting this human life or this human being.

SENATOR FOLEY: No, I've never said that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why won't you accept my amendment?

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, there are certain parameters to this bill. We wrote those parameters in very deliberately and consciously and that's where it's going to stay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So politics determines how far your principles can go.

SENATOR FOLEY: No, I don't think that's fair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that is what's happening in this case with this bill, isn't it?

SENATOR FOLEY: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, the bill doesn't go as far as your principles, does it?

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, I can't solve all the world's problems with one bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Your principles embrace all human life which exists at the point of conception. Isn't that true?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes.